

The following is a copy of the original draft (unsigned) of the deposition of Joseph Hills of Charlestown, taken 30th July, 1839:

"Joseph Hills of Charlestowne, in New England, Woollen Draper, aged about 36 yeares, sworne, saith upon his oath that he came to New England undertaker in the ship called the Susan & Ellen of London whereof was master Mr. Edward Payne, in the yeare of our Lord one thousand six hundred thirty and eight, the 14th yeare of the raigne of our Sou'aigne Lord the King that now is, and this d^r knowes that divers goods and chattells, victualls & commodities of Joseph Loomis late of Brayntree in the County of Essex, Woollen-draper, w^{ch} were put up in three butts, two hogsheds, one halfe hogshed, one barrell, one tubb & three firkins, transported from Malden in the County of Essex to London in an Ipsw^{ch} Hye, were shipped in the said ship upon the eleventh day of Aprill in the yeare above-sayd, and this deponent cleared the said goods wth divers other goods of the said Joseph Loomis and other mens, in the Custome-house at London, as may appeare by the Customers bookes, and this dep^t saith that the said goods were transported into New England in the said ship where she arrived on the seaventeenth day of July in the yeare aforesayd."

Several of the facts stated in the preceding deposition are confirmed by other documents.

The following is a document contained in a volume of Land Records preserved in the office of the Secretary of State at Hartford, Conn. It is a copy of a letter from an attorney of Braintree, Eng., dated 1651, and addressed to an acquaintance in Hartford, Conn., in which letter allusion is twice made to Loomis. The writer of this letter (W. Lyngwood) is mentioned in the history and antiquities of the county of Essex, by Phillip Morant, London, 1768, vol. 2, p. 391.

"Cousin Clark:

Since I have received your letter in March, 1650, with your letter to your brother Richard and the testimonial of your being alive, under the Governor's seal, I have proceeded against your brother and taken out a commission in chancery, to examine witnesses which I intended to have had executed about Michaelmas, etc.

And now I desire only to have a good warrant and order from you testified by such of my friends there with you whose hands I know, as my cousin Loomis, cousin Cullick, John Talcott, John Steele, or some of those to whom you would have me to pay the money, that I